

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence during the morning prayer offered by the House Chaplain, Reverend Daniel Coughlin.

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True American Heroes Act of 2003: The House passed H.R. 1538, to posthumously award congressional gold medals to government workers and others who responded to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and perished and to people aboard United Airlines Flight 93 who helped resist the hijackers and caused the plane to crash, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Spirit of America, recognizing the tragic events of September 11, 2001, by voice vote.

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The House agreed to consider the bill under unanimous consent on September 10.

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Establishment of a National Memorial for Victims of Terrorist Attacks: The House passed H.R. 911, to authorize the establishment of a memorial to victims who died as a result of terrorist acts against the United States or its people, at home or abroad, by a voice vote.

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Pursuant to the unanimous consent agreement, the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Representative Pombo, now printed in the bill was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and was agreed to by a voice vote.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:44 a.m. and reconvened at 1:04 p.m.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, September 15, and further that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16 for morning hour debate.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 17.

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Adjournment: The House met at 10 am. and adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness held a hearing on H.R. 3039, Expanding Opportunities in Higher Education Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

E-911 IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on H.R. 2898, E-911 Implementation Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from John B. Muleta, Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications, FCC; Anthony Haynes, Executive Director, Emergency Communications Board, Department of Commerce and Insurance, State of Tennessee; Tim Berry, Treasurer, State of Indiana; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—SS TOTALIZATION AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on “Should There Be a Social Security Totalization Agreement with Mexico?” Testimony was heard from Jo Anne B. Barnhart, Commissioner, SSA; Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H. Con. Res. 268, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the imposition of sanctions on nations that are undermining the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for Atlantic highly migratory species, including marlin, adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and that are threatening the continued viability of United States commercial and recreational fisheries. Testimony was heard from John H. Dunnigan, Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; David A. Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Fisheries, Department of State; and the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: John Considine, Director, Cargo Verification Division, Trade Compliance and Facilitation, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection; and Rear Adm. Jeffrey J. Hathaway, USCG, Director, Coast Guard Operations Policy, U.S. Coast Guard.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government, to consider the following measures: H. Con. Res. 71, recognizing the importance